

SLOC unveils Olympic torch

Relay route still under revision

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The Olympic flame may make it to Parowan after all.

And it's definitely going through West Valley City. But Price, as well as Vernal and the rest of the Uinta Basin, are out of luck.

Modifications are being made to the 2002 Winter Games torch relay route through Utah announced earlier this month by the Salt Lake Organizing Committee, some at the request of Gov. Mike Leavitt's Olympic officer, Lane Beattie.

"If I had set it, it would be a different plan. But I'm not paying for it," Beattie said.

SLOC, which is relying on sponsors to



Torch-bearer uniforms will be geared to climate.

Glowing icicle reflects '02 theme

Olympic ticket sales take off again. See B1.

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The torch that will carry the Olympic flame from Greece to the opening ceremonies of the 2002 Winter Games is designed to look like ... an icicle.

"You can see the glow within the glass, which to us is that symbolic fire within," Scott Givens, the Salt Lake Organizing Committee's creative director, said. "To me, it's the pure symbol of the Olympic movement and of the athletes."

The silver-and-glass torch was to be publicly unveiled Wednesday on the steps of the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., along with the design of the uniforms to be worn by the 11,500 torch-

bearers who will carry the flame through the United States.

The prototype displayed by SLOC President Mitt Romney wasn't finished until the last minute. Givens said there are still details to be worked out, including where the on-off switch for the torch's fuel will go.

The idea for an icicle-like torch came from Romney and is a symbol of the theme chosen for the Games, "Light the fire within," Givens said. Axiom Design in Salt Lake City developed the prototype.

Each Olympic Games has had its own torch design. Most recently, the torch for the 2000 Summer Games in Sydney was a smooth curve shape, meant to be reminiscent of a boomerang.

"Other torches are very man-made looking, but this is very organic in shape. When you look at it ... it's not

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Media tend to exaggerate a lot, Jennifer Lopez says.

\$1 billion body rumor not true, Lopez says

Jennifer Lopez has denied news reports that her body is insured for \$1 billion.

"No, and I know that was a big rumor," the American singer and actress told reporters in Hong Kong during a promotional stop for her new album, "J.Lo."

"I actually saved the newspaper to show my kids one day, but it's not true. Sorry," she said, giggling.

Lopez said she reads little of what is written about her in the media, adding, "Things tend to be exaggerated a lot."

Ventura's XFL work a little too extreme?

Some state lawmakers want to put a halt to Jesse Ventura's moonlighting.

The governor has spent recent Saturdays working as an XFL television commentator. On Monday, a House panel endorsed a proposal to

their employers under the federal disability-rights law.

The 5-4 ruling, a further cutback of the federal government's power over the states, said Congress exceeded its authority when it let state workers file such claims under the 1990 law.

The federal law does not trump

sions that have increasingly tipped the federal-state balance of power toward the states.

Those decisions have all featured the same 5-4 split among the justices, and that lineup was repeated in Wednesday's decision.

Joining Rehnquist were Justices Sandra Day O'Connor, Antonin

sued in federal court.

The ADA is perhaps best known for requiring wheelchair ramps in buildings across the country.

The law bans job discrimination against the disabled, requiring employers to offer reasonable accommodations to disabled people who are otherwise qualified to

Alabama nurse for 17 years when she took a four-month leave to undergo surgery, radiation and chemotherapy for breast cancer. When she returned, she said she was ordered to take a lower-paying job or quit.

Her lawsuit said her supervisor made negative comments about

U.S. sub crew member tells of distractions

16 civilians were in control room, technician says

Associated Press

HONOLULU — A crew member plotting sonar readings on a U.S. submarine that collided with a fishing vessel has told investigators he briefly stopped performing the task because he was distracted by civilian guests in the control room.

The National Transportation Safety Board also said Tuesday that the Navy has determined the submarine's sonar crew detected the Japanese boat 71 minutes before the submarine collided with it while performing an emergency rapid-ascent drill.

NTSB member John Hammer-

